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SUBJECT: SOVIET REPRESENTATION TO GOG CONCERNING BELGRADE MEETING

1. ON MAY 2 FOREIGN MINISTER WILLS DESCRIBED TO ME A MEETING HE HAD HAD WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR KOTENEV CONCERNING THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE OF THE SIGNATORIES OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT. HE SAID THE SOVIETS WERE BEGINNING TO TAKE AN ANTI-US LINE IN REPRESENTATIONS TO GOG CONCERNING THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. THE SOVIETS WERE ACCUSING THE US OF "SELECTIVE APPLICATION" OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT. KOTENEV HAD TOLD WILLS THAT THE PROCESS OF DETENTE SHOULD BE UNINTERRUPTED AND POLITICAL DETENTE SHOULD BE COMPLEMENTED WITH MILITARY DETENTE. WITH REGARD TO ARMS LIMITATION, BOTH SIDES SHOULD REDUCE THEIR FORCES BY EQUAL AMOUNTS. THE UNITED STATES WAS ACCUSED OF NOT PURSUING DETENTE EVENLY. WILLS COMMENTED THAT THE SOVIETS WANTED TO MAKE THEIR POINT BEFORE HE VISITED YUGOSLAVIA AND THE YUGOSLAVS IMPRESSED UPON HIM THEIR POINT OF VIEW. WILLS SAID HE WOULD BE MAKING A SPEECH ON NON-ALIGNMENT WHILE HE WAS IN YUGOSLAVIA.

2. WILLS GAVE ME A COPY OF A PAPER THAT KOTENEV HAD
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LEFT WITH HIM OUTLINING THE SOVIET POSITION. THE PAPER BEGAN WITH A PARAGRAPH FROM A SPEECH BREZHNEV HAD MADE AT THE 16TH CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS OF THE USSR. IT ALSO CONTAINED THE FOLLOWING POINTS OF INTEREST IN DEMONSTRATING THE APPROACH THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS USING IN LDC'S CONCERNING THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

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SO THE FORTHCOMING BELGRADE CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT BE A SOME SORT OF "COURT OF GRIEVANCES" BUT A CONTINUATION OF EFFORTS FOR FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

FOR THESE ENDS IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT:

1. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AGREEMENTS REACHED IN HELSINKI DEPENDS, TO A DECISIVE EXTENT, ON HOW CONSISTENTLY AND STRICTLY ALL PARTICIPATING STATES OBSERVE THE TEN PRINCIPLES WHICH THEY AGREED UPON, AND IMPLEMENT ALL PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT, WHICH FORM A COHERENT WHOLE.

THESE TEN PRINCIPLES OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN STATES ARE SOVEREIGN EQUALITY; RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS INHERENT IN SOVEREIGNTY; REFRAINING FROM THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE; INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS; TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF STATES; PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES; NON-INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS; RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE, RELIGION OR BELIEF; EQUAL RIGHTS AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES; COOPERATION AMONG STATES; FULFILLMENT IN GOOD FAITH OF OBLIGATIONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW.

IT IS NECESSARY THEREFORE TO TREAT INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS WORKED OUT IN HELSINKI WITH DUE CARE AND NOT LET TO DISTORT OR MAKE SELECTIVE OF ANY VIOLATION OF THEM.

2. THE EFFORTS FOR FURTHER SECURITY AND COOPERATION AS WELL AS FOR DETENTE IN EUROPE SHOULD HAVE NO STOPPINGS
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OR INTERVALS OR RETREATS.

IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT TO CREATE THE FABRIC OF PEACEFUL COOPERATION IN EUROPE, THE FABRIC THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN RELATIONS AMONG EUROPEAN PEOPLES AND STATES AND STIMULATE THEIR INTEREST IN PRESERVING PEACE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. IT MAY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH DIFFERENT FORMS OF MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS COOPERATION-TRADE, PRODUCTION COOPERATION AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RELATIONS.

THE WARSAW TREATY STATES SPECIALLY PROPOSED ALL-EUROPEAN CONGRESSES OR INTER-STATE CONFERENCES ON COOPERATION TO RESOLVE ISSUES SUCH AS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORT AND POWER ENGINEERING. THE WESTERN STATES IN WORDS APPEAR TO BE ALL "FOR" BUT IN DEEDS THEY ARE EVASIVE AND AREN'T IN ANY RUSH TO TAKE PRACTICAL ACTION.

3. THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE CONTAINS AN IMPORTANT PROVISION ON SUPPLEMENTING THE POLITICAL DETENTE IN EUROPE WITH APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO BRING

ABOUT A MILITARY DETENTE.

THE WARSAW TREATY STATES PROPOSED RECENTLY:

- TO MAKE PROGRESS AT THE VIENNA TALKS ON THE
REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL
EUROPE BY AGREEING UPON AN EQUAL REDUCTION FOR EACH
SIDE (SAY, STARTING WITH THE USSR AND THE USA) AND
UNDERTAKING AN OBLIGATION NOT TO INCREASE THE STRENGTH
OF ARMED FORCES WHILE THE TALKS ARE IN PROGRESS.

- TO DISSOLVE THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION
AND THE WARSAW TREATY ORGANIZATION SIMULTANEOUSLY OR,
AS A PRELIMINARY STEP, TO ABOLISH THEIR MILITARY
ORGANIZATIONS OR NOT TO ADMIT NEW MEMBERS INTO THEM.

- TO CONCLUDE A TREATY AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS OF
THE ALL-EUROPEAN CONFERENCE NOT TO BE THE FIRST TO USE
NUCLEAR WEAPONS AGAINST EACH OTHER.

THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEIR
PROPOSALS STIMULATE OTHER INITIATIVES. END TEXT.

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